

TOOK TWO WIVES WITHIN TWO DAYS

John Steffler Arrested on Complaint of Estelle Diffley, Who Says She Was Wedded to Him on Aug. 13.

LEFT HER, SHE CHARGES, TO TAKE ANOTHER BRIDE.

Transcript of Records Shows that the Defendant Was Married to Hannah Ackerman in Jersey City on Aug. 14.

Blushing when she said she was only eighteen, but with her big brown eyes snapping dangerously, Estelle Steffler, a girl wife, had John Steffler, the man who she alleges married her on Aug. 13 last, and deserted her the next day to marry another woman, held in \$1,500 bail to-day in the Jefferson Market Court.

"He thinks it's funny now," she said, suddenly turning toward the prisoners' bench, where Steffler was sitting, "but he won't in a little while."

As the young wife's eyes caught Steffler's glance the gloom that rested on his features indicated that he considered the situation far from humorous.

"Well, where is the second wife?" asked Magistrate Crane, as he signed Steffler's commitment.

"Oh, I'll have to have a subpoena for her, Judge," interposed Detective Sergeant Conroy, who arrested the alleged bigamist. "She seems so well satisfied with the arrangement of things that you won't get her here to testify against the defendant unless by force."

Records Show the Marriages.

Manuscripts were presented to the Court to show that Estelle Diffley, of No. 102 Leroy street, but now of No. 625 Washington street, and John Steffler, now of No. 514 East Eighty-eighth street, were married on Aug. 13 last by Alderman Patrick Higgins, at No. 102 Leroy street, and that on Aug. 14 John Steffler and Hannah Ackerman, a resident of Jersey City, were made husband and wife by the Rev. Father D. V. Guillevin, of No. 201 West One Hundred and Forty-eighth street.

"Steffler left me the day we were married and I haven't seen him since then until I got my eyes on him here to-day," Mrs. Steffler said to a reporter of The Evening World. "I lost all track of him, and not until three or four days ago did I hear that he was in New York. Then I went right to the police, and here he is."

Wants Law to Deal with Him.

"What do you want done with him?" "I just want the law to treat him as he ought to be treated. He has never supported me, and I don't expect that he ever will. So far as the young woman who has been living with him, and who believed that he was her wife, is concerned I have no feeling against her. I know he did not tell her that he was married when he made her his wife."

Mrs. Steffler says she bore her husband a child a little girl, and the baby has been living with the Diffleys ever since Steffler disappeared.

Steffler is a good-looking man who says he is thirty years old. He is employed as a veterinarian by the Fifth Avenue Transportation Company.

"I suppose I am in for it," he is said to have told the detectives who arrested him, "but I don't know what I can do to help myself."

It was a picture of dejection in court, while the girl wife who made him so aroused the admiration of every one with her pretty face and her dark hair, did not appear to be as old as she said she was.

EX-MINISTER SENT TO STATE PRISON

The Rev. Charles A. Alden, Who Was Secretary to the Charities Commission, Gets One Year in Sing Sing.

The Rev. Charles A. Alden, who was secretary to the Charities Commission during the Van Wyck administration, was sentenced to-day by Judge Foster to imprisonment in Sing Sing for a term of not less than one year and not more than five. He pleaded guilty to forgery in the second degree.

As secretary to Commissioner Keller Alden had charge of the alms fund. Upon an examination of his books it was discovered that there was an unaccountable deficiency of from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Alden disappeared, and despite the fact that a constant search for him was kept up he eluded capture. A few months ago he was found in a small town of Massachusetts and was brought back to this city.

His attorney made an eloquent plea for him to-day, begging the Court to reserve clemency in the meeting out of justice.

PARK LAKES CLOSED TO-DAY.

Shooting Spoiled Owing to Water on the Ice.

By order of Willis Holly, Secretary of the Park Department, the lakes in Central Park were closed to the public to-day. This was done owing to the rain of yesterday, which left two inches of water on the ice.

Secretary Holly said that should it become cold to-day, as is prophesied, the skating will be better than ever to-morrow, as the surface of the lakes would resemble glass. Should the cold today continue the red ball will be pushed either to-morrow or Saturday.

JOHN STEFFLER, ACCUSED OF TAKING TWO WIVES IN TWO DAYS AND WOMAN WHO SAYS SHE IS BRIDE NO. 1.



MONEY TO RELIEVE N. Y. POST-OFFICE

Gen. Payne Recommends Appropriation of \$1,287.71 on Account of Clerk Who Worked in Washington.

(Special to The Evening World.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Secretary Shaw to-day sent to Congress a letter from Postmaster-General Payne recommending an appropriation of \$1,287.71 for the relief of Postmaster Cornelius Van Cott, of New York.

Postmaster Van Cott was charged with this amount on account of the salary of H. Clay Graf, a clerk carried on his roll, but detailed for duty in the Post-Office Department here. When Fourth Assistant Bristow began his investigation of the postal scandals he found Graf was illegally carried on the New York Post-Office pay-roll.

Graf was on duty from Oct. 1, 1902, until June 1, 1903, at a salary of \$1,800 a year in connection with the installation and maintaining of calculating machines. The letter was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LOTS OF "N. G." CHECKS.

Henry W. Brackett Wears Them Even on His Clothes.

Henry W. Brackett, wearing a loud check suit, a bunch of violets and a dude cane, was paraded to-day before a half dozen persons in the West Side Court who accused him of having passed worthless checks.

He was arrested on the complaint of the cashier in a big Fifth Avenue restaurant, who said he had given him a worthless check for \$20 in exchange for a meal amounting to \$6.

Morris Blount, of No. 118 Broadway, said he had cashed two bad checks for Brackett last October, one for \$20 and another for \$30. Brackett was eating an expensive meal in the Hotel Carlton when Detective Nelson arrested him. In his pockets were found several checks for \$20 and \$30 each.

All of these checks were drawn on the private bank of Johnson & Co., No. 66 Broadway, where it was said he had no account. Magistrate Mayo held him for trial in \$500 bail.

ANOTHER ST. LOUIS SCANDAL.

Ticket Brokers Called Before Grand Jury to Tell of Hold-Up.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 14.—Circuit Attorney Folk was informed to-day that a representative of the House of Delegates combine had solicited a bribe of \$10,000 from certain St. Louis ticket brokers to kill the bill lately passed prohibiting the scalping of railroad excursion tickets. It is now charged that delegates voted for the bill in retaliation for the refusal of the ticket brokers to subscribe to a booze fund.

Subpoenas to appear before the Grand Jury were issued for Simon Steiner, ticket broker; Max Schubach, F. J. Linberg, President of the St. Louis Ticket Brokers Association; Speaker Gaszold of the House, and Delegate John R. Fontana.

FINE FOR THOS. W. HYNES.

Gets Appointment as Commissioner to World's Fair.

Thomas W. Hynes, Commissioner of Corrections under Mayor Low, was today appointed World's Fair Commissioner. This appointment follows a recent resolution of the Board of Aldermen calling for the appointment of a World's Fair Commissioner. An appropriation of \$55,000 for the display of the city's exhibit and representation by "a suitable person" was authorized by the Board.

Mayor Low expended \$10,000 of the appropriation before his term of office expired, leaving \$45,000 now available.

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COREY, FOLLOWER OF SCHWAB, SAILS

Steel Trust's President, After Full Course of Succession, Gets to European Trip Stage and Developments Awaited.

W. E. Corey, President of the United States Steel Corporation, sailed to-day for Havre on the steamship La Savoie for a long vacation. Mr. Corey, it is understood, is to visit Monte Carlo.

This recalls the fact that Mr. Corey has followed in the footsteps of Charles M. Schwab for some time. As each man was promoted, the other was lifted to a higher position, and as Mr. Schwab was advanced Mr. Corey stepped into his shoes.

The last two prominent instances of this was Mr. Corey's election as President of the Carnegie Company after Mr. Schwab had resigned that position to become President of the parent corporation.

Upon Mr. Schwab's retirement from the Presidency of the Steel Corporation Mr. Corey was elected to succeed him.

Wall street is asking if Mr. Corey will do as Mr. Schwab did when he visited Monte Carlo, and try to break the bank. Mr. Schwab's picturesque actions while at the gambling centre of the world gave the thousands of steel share holders the cold shivers.

He was brought up with a round turn by J. P. Morgan, who sent him a telegram to stop short.

Wits of the street are cracking their jokes with this visit as the basis of their humor.

Mr. Corey it is said has worked so hard since he was made president of the giant corporation that he really needs a rest.

Many are wondering if this trip presages another president for the corporation, as Mr. Schwab's trip gave the first indication that he was soon to retire. There are many who believe that he may return to be succeeded by H. C. Frick and again to follow Mr. Schwab, this time into retirement, or to a minor position in the corporation.

FOUR-YEAR TERM FOR MAYOR

Assembly Bill Also Swells Salary of Greater New York Executive.

ALBANY, Jan. 14.—Assemblyman Newcomb to-day introduced a bill extending the term of office of the Mayor of Greater New York from two to four years, beginning in 1906, and increasing the salary from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Another Bill Gose.

(From the Cleveland Leader.) Mrs. Robbins in the living room—What was that crash?

Mr. Robbins—Only Bridget in the kitchen making rat hole stuffing.

PUPILS PLEAD FOR FULL TERM

Delegations of Boys and Girls Call Upon Presidents Ahearn and Fornes and Also Comptroller Grout.

Mayor McClellan's office will be invaded to-morrow by three youths and three girls, a delegation from the east side High School No. 1, for boys, and the east side High School No. 147, for girls, who are working hard to prevent the curtailing of thirty nights from their course of study.

These delegations represent the sentiment of every boy and girl in the evening schools, all of whom agree that shortening the school course, because of the scarcity of city funds, will greatly embarrass the scholars, many of whom will be unable to pass the regents examinations.

Joseph Friedman, Jacob Salzman and Frank Melcher, representing the boys' school, called upon President Ahearn, or the Borough of Manhattan, to-day, and then upon President Fornes, of the Board of Aldermen. Both officials expressed themselves as opposed to curtailing the school course and both told the delegation that they would do all in their power to have the full school term continued.

While the boys were with Mr. Ahearn and Mr. Fornes the girls' delegation, composed of Miss Annie Roth, Miss Florence Stang and Miss Laura Greenfield, visited Comptroller Grout, who told them that he, too, was opposed to curtailing the school course. He said he would use every influence to save the thirty nights of study for the evening schools.

The joint delegation then went to the office of Mayor McClellan and, failing to see him, made an engagement to call upon him to-morrow, when he will listen to their arguments.

MAYOR TO URGE SCHOOLS FOR ALL

Announces, After Careful Consideration, that He Will Insist Upon Immediate Establishment of Temporary Quarters.

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LETTER DROVE GIRL TO DEATH

Received Missive She Anxiously Waited For and Then Ended It All by Drinking Quantity of Carbolic Acid.

Coroner Jackson hopes to-day to be able to throw some light on the mystery surrounding the death of a beautiful young woman who committed suicide in a furnished room at No. 219 East Fifty-third street.

The young woman was about twenty years old, possessed a beautiful face and figure and was stylishly gowned. The house is owned by Mrs. Helen Hoppe, who rents rooms. The young woman called there Tuesday night, and after inspecting the rooms engaged one. She seemed to be plentifully supplied with money and paid \$5 in advance for the week.

She gave her name as Gertrude Bechtel. The police believe the name to be fictitious.

She informed Mrs. Hoppe that she expected a letter and asked that it be sent up to her room as soon as it came. She also said that her trunk would not be delivered until the following day.

Early in the morning she knocked at Mrs. Hoppe's door and asked if her letter had arrived. She was told that it was too early for the postman, and returned to her room with an exclamation of impatience.

The letter was delivered about 8 o'clock and the maid took it to her room. She snatched it eagerly and closed the door.

At about 11 o'clock Mrs. Hoppe went to the room to clean it. She knocked on the door and received no response. The door was not locked, and after knocking again she entered.

The young woman was lying on the bed, fully dressed and apparently asleep. Mrs. Hoppe tried to arouse her, but saw that she was dead.

Her lips were burned and there was an empty three-ounce bottle labelled "carbolic acid" on the dresser.

Mrs. Hoppe called in Dr. Blomfelt, of No. 551 Lexington avenue. He said Miss Bechtel had undoubtedly died from the effects of the poison.

The police were notified, and they in turn notified Coroner Jackson. He viewed the remains and searched for the letter which she had received, but could not find it. He says there are

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